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CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. No amendments are made in this paper.

1. (*Currently amended*) A method of developing a technical standard in the process of product development comprising:

- generating a draft technical standard;
- electronically circulating a document with the draft technical standard to a review group;
- automatically attaching review group comments to the draft technical standard;
- electronically locking a document with the draft technical standard;
- electronically circulating a locked document with the locked draft technical standard to an approval group, the approval group members having access to the review group comments;
- collecting electronic approvals from each member of the approval group;
- rendering ~~the~~ a locked document with the draft technical standard unchangeable once each member of the approval group has electronically approved of the draft technical standard; and
- releasing a document with the rendered technical standard for electronic access.

2. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 wherein generating a draft technical standard comprises:

- electronically capturing a text-based document containing information relating to the draft technical standard; and
- electronically adding data-structured attributes to the captured document.

3. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 2 further comprising searching for the technical standard based on the data-structured attributes.

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4. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising electronically tracking review and approval status.

5. (*Currently amended*) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising electronically notifying specified users when a document with the technical standard is released.

6. (*Currently amended*) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising storing a document with the released technical standard in a globally accessible database.

7. (*Currently amended*) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising limiting access to documents with the technical standard based on user authorization.

8. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 7 further comprising approving a user for authorized access by collecting at least one electronic approval.

9. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 7 further comprising approving a user for authorized access based on a role assigned to the user.

10. (*Currently amended*) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising:

determining that the technical standard is to be modified;
incrementing the version of the technical standard; and
circulating a document with the incremented version technical standard to the approval group.

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11. *(Currently amended)* A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising:

translating a document with the technical standard into at least one language/rendition different than a language/rendition in which the technical standard was generated; and

linking the translated technical standard to the technical standard.

12. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising attaching additional documentation to the draft technical standard, the additional documentation accessible by members of the review group.

13. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising printing the rendered technical standard with a watermark including the print date.

14. (Original) A method of developing a technical standard as in claim 1 further comprising:

storing the technical standard in a rendered format; and

storing the technical standard in a native format.

15-26. (Canceled)

27-75. (Canceled)

76. *(Currently amended)* Computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions for performing a method of specifying a product comprising:

generating a draft technical standard;

electronically circulating a document with the draft technical standard to a review group;

automatically attaching review group comments to the draft technical standard;

electronically locking a document with the draft technical standard;

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electronically circulating a locked document with the ~~locked~~ draft technical standard to an approval group, the approval group members having access to the review group comments;

collecting electronic approvals from each member of the approval group;

rendering a locked document with the technical standard unchangeable once each member of the approval group has electronically approved of the draft technical standard; and

releasing a document with the rendered technical standard for electronic access.

77. (Canceled)